

SENATE BILL NO. 245

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING THE CONTENT OF FISCAL NOTES; AND AMENDING
SECTIONS 5-4-201 AND 5-4-205, MCA."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

Section 1. Section 5-4-201, MCA, is amended to read:

"5-4-201. Requirement of fiscal notes with committee reports. All bills reported out of a committee of the legislature having an effect on the ~~revenues~~ revenue, expenditures, or fiscal liability of the state or of a county or municipality, except appropriation measures carrying specific dollar amounts, ~~shall~~ must include a fiscal note incorporating an estimate of ~~such the effect and the content required in 5-4-205.~~ Fiscal notes ~~shall~~ must be requested by the presiding officer of either house, who shall determine the need for the note at the time of introduction."

Section 2. Section 5-4-205, MCA, is amended to read:

"5-4-205. Contents of notes. Fiscal notes ~~shall~~ must, ~~where~~ when possible, show in dollar amounts the estimated increase or decrease in ~~revenues~~ revenue or expenditures, costs ~~which~~ that may be absorbed without additional funds, and long-range financial implications. ~~A fiscal note must include an estimate of the changes on behavior that will occur because of the policy changes in the bill and the resulting fiscal impact.~~ A fiscal note must include estimated costs that will occur to the private sector as a result of the policy changes in the bill. ~~No A~~ comment or opinion relative to the merits of the bill ~~shall~~ may not be included; ~~however~~ However, technical or mechanical defects may be noted."

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